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TALK OF FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN ON BUCANEERING ACTION
ON THE PART OF CHINESE JUNKS. (October 4 1937)

It is pointed out in a report from the commander of a Japanese naval squadron patrolling the Chinese waters that some of the innocent-looking Chinese junks and small crafts are armed with small cannons of the calibre of 5 to 10 centimetres, of old style but of sufficient power, besides machine-guns, rifles and pistols. These armed vessels can not be ignored as other small crafts in general, for they frequently attempt to break through the line of the patrolling Japanese men-of-war with full loads of Chinese military supplies. In some cases the Chinese small crafts thus armed make light of our destroyers and dare to challenge the latter. The following is a list showing cases of such resistances of armed Chinese vessels against the inspection by our warships.

September 4. A large junk being towed by a small steam-boat in

Hunghai Bay fired at the Japanese inspection party with machine-guns, wounding an officer and killing a seaman.

September 14. When a Japanese warship sent a party to inspect a junk at Shenhui on the Fukien coast, the crew of the junk landed with arms, and together with the natives there, fired at our party.

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September 15. At Tseungshanpu, a Japanese inspection party was subjected to a firing by the Chinese Peace Preservation Corps who were in a launch.

September 26. In the neighbourhood of Nan-oa Island, a Japanese patrol-vessel was attacked by Chinese Peace Preservation Corps who were subdued after severe fighting.

September 27. At Tseungshanpu, a small launch fired at a Japanese inspection party. The latter returned the fire and forced the launch aground in wrecked condition.

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支那我克の海賊行為に關する外務省スポークスマン談話（一九三七年十月四日）支那水城哨戒中の日本海軍小艦隊の一司令官の報告が指摘するところによれば、さりげない支那我克や、小型汽船の中には、機關銃、小銃、ピストルなどの外に口徑五種から十種の舊式であるが十分偉力のある小型の大砲を裝備してあるものがあるとのことである。此等武装船は、普通一般の小汽船のやうに無視し得ないもので屢々支那軍々需品を擄取して我軍艦の哨戒線を突破しようとして企ててゐる。或る場合にはこの線に武裝した支那の小型船が我が艦隊を輕視して之に挑戦を敢てすることがある。

以下に掲げるのは、我が軍艦の臨敵に對する支那武装船の敵對行為の實例を示す一表である。

九月四日、紅海灣に於て小型蒸汽船に曳航された大型我克は我が艦隊に對し機關銃をもつて發砲し、此が爲我が士官一名負傷し水兵一名は死亡した。

九月十四日、福建沿岸の深滬で我軍艦より一我克を臨敵するため一行が派遣された時、我克乗組員は武器を携へ上陸し、現地住民と共に我が艦

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檢の一行に對し發砲した。

九月十五日、我が臨檢隊は崇善浦に於て、汽艇中の支那保安隊より射撃を受けた。

九月二十六日、南澳島近海に於て我が哨戒船は支那保安隊の攻撃に遭ひ激戦の後之を屈服させた。

九月二十七日、崇善浦に於て小型汽艇は我が臨檢隊に發砲し我方は之に反撃を加へ之を坐礁大破せしめた。